

TRADE MEASUREMENT ACT 1999

MEASURING INSTRUMENT SERVICING LICENCES

The *Trade Measurement Act 1999* provides for the licensing of private organisations (which includes sole traders, partnerships or companies), to certify measuring instruments used for trade as compliant with approval and performance requirements. Certification is particularly targeted at new and repaired measuring instruments, so that these instruments can be legally used for trade without the necessity of verification by a Government Inspector.

Inspectors remain active in market place audit of all types of measuring instruments used for trade and will routinely inspect and examine a sample of recently certified instruments to ensure compliance.

Licences will be issued at principle level only for various classes of measuring instrument. Licensees must ensure that any persons employed to carry out certifications are competent to do so, having both the necessary skills and essential equipment including standards of measurement covered by a current Regulation 13 certificate as prescribed by the *National Measurement Act 1960*.

Licensees are also expected to have appropriate quality systems and management procedures to ensure that they are able to demonstrate compliance with the Trade Measurement Act and licensing requirements at all times.

Significant penalties can be imposed on licensees for non compliance with the Act and Regulations.

Licensees are required to be able to identify the person who carried out a particular certification. Therefore each licensee will be allotted a 'mark' and a corresponding set of marks for employee certifiers.

Licence Fees as at 1 July 2005

Application Fee	50 fee units (\$64.35)
Annual Fee	200 fee units (\$257.40)
Each certification mark (employee certifier)	50 fee units (\$64.35)

Under current regulations there are no requirements for licensees to collect any fees from instrument owners on behalf of the Government. Charges imposed by licensees for the repair, servicing and certification of measuring instruments are not regulated and may be determined by normal competitive factors.

The accompanying information outlines classes and conditions of licence, corresponding equipment requirements, quality systems, certification marks and notification requirements. Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss this information with the Measurement Standards Branch. **NOTE: Requirements for licensees and information material is still being developed and while relevant at the time of issue, may vary in future.**